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THE LAST DAYS OF COPERNICUS. A TRUE TALE.

It was a still, clear night, in the month of May, 1543; the stars shone brightly in the heavens, and all him to the dust. the world slept in the little town of Wernica, a canonry of Prussian Poland-all save one man, who watched alone in a solitary chamber, at the summit of a lofty tower. The only furniture of this apartment consisted of a table, a few books, and an iron howed down by years and toil, and his brow furrowed by anxious thought; and in his eye kindled the fire genius, and his noble countenance was expressive of gentle kindness, and of a calm, contemplative dis-His white hair, parted on his forehead, fell in waving locks upon his shoulders. He wore the ecclesiastical costume of the age and country in which he lived; the long, straight robe, with a for collar and double sleeves, which were also lined with fur as far

This old man was the great astronomer, Nicholas Copernicus, doctor of philosophy, divinity, and medifessor of Bologna, Rome, &c. Copernicus had just

On that very day the canon of Wernica had receivfitted for his purpose, and he passed the whole of it in his observatory. When the astronomer saw the stars heginning to pale in the eastern sky, he took the triangular instrument which he had constructed with his own hands out of three different pieces* of wood, his glorious works. He then returned to the table,

cation of his book. "To the Most Holy Father, Pope Paul III.: dedicate my work to your holiness, in order that all lip to lip—they heard that he had come that very lark, if the lark had a soul. the world, whether learned or ignorant, may see that I do not seek to shun examination and the judgment of my superiors. Your authority, and your love for turned, their ingratitude was quickly changed to rescience in general, and for mathematics in particular, will serve to shield me against wicked and malicious anxiously round the astronomer. He had only strength slanderers, notwithstanding the proverb which says left to call for a litter, and was conveyed back to that there is no remedy against the wounds inflicted

by the tongue of calumny, &c. NICHOLAS COPERNICUS-Of Thorn." upon the table, and overcome with fatigue, sank into a peaceful slumber. After sixty years of labor, he in

was abridged by the entrance of an aged servant, who, with slow and heavy step, ascended the tower stairs. "Master," said he to the canon as he gently touched him upon the shoulder, "the messenger who arriv- either day or night, guarding the entrance, and keep-

"there are ten poor sick people in the house waiting for you; and besides you are wanted at Frauenburg to look after the water machine, which has stopped working; and also to see the three workmen who

my horse be saddled directly." And with a resolute manuscript of the book, and it has been burned in the men on shore. effort shaking off the sleep which weighed down his public square. Happily the impression was complete,

The House of Copernicus was, in outward appearfor money, or for food. Over the door an oval aper- bode of victory. ture had been cut, through which a ray of the mid- The spark of life, so nearly exhausted, seemed to

verses written by his own hand, and pasted up over tures; the book fell from his grasp; and clasping his It was in this parlor that the good canen found the now depart in peace!" Hardly had he uttered these he dressed the wounds of some, administered reme- the God who gave it. It was the morning of the 23d dies to others, and on all bestowed alms and words of of May-day had not yet dawned-heaven was still kindness and consolation. Having completed his la- lighted up with stars—the earth was fragrant with bors, he hastily swallowed a draught of milk, and flowers—all nature seemed to sympathise with the was about to set out for Frauenberg, when a horse- great revealer of her laws-and soon the sun, rising He trembled as he recognised the handwriting of his upon the still, cold brow of the departed, and seemed pity on us," wrote his letter, "and avert the blow kiss of peace, for thou hast been the first to replace ful and touching strain, which now threatens thee! Thy enemies and thy him on his throne.' rivals combined—those who accuse thee of folly, and those who treat thee as a heretic—have been so successful in exciting against thee the minds of the peo-ple of Nuremberg, that men curse thy name in the streets; the priests excommunicate thee from their problems and the priests excommunicate thee from their pulpits; and the university, hearing that thy book the faith and the genius of the astronomer of Werni-

letter, he fell back voiceless and powerless into the memory at Cracow, and to erect a statue of him in before he rallied. When he again looked up, the sculptor, Thorwaldsen. horseman, who had been charged to escort him back,

asked him how soon he would wish to set out.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD | pecting me; they may perhaps die if I do not go to their assistance. My enemies may perhaps destroy

my work-they cannot stop the stars in their courses! An hour later, Copernicus was at Frauenberg. The thither the waters of the river Bauda, situated at the distance of half a league in the valley below. The inhabitants, instead of suffering, like their fathers,

This machine had got out of order the proceding day, and the accident had happened very inoppor-tunely, because this was the festival of the patron saint of Frauenberg. But at the first glance the canon saw where the evil lay, and in a few hours the water again flowed freely into the town. His first cares, we need not say, had been directed to the unhappy men who had received injuries whilst working away, and came back several days later, followed by as he liked. If he wanted to stay home from school, flight together into a neighboring wood, they did not Normandy, and accept the situation of physician to in the sluices: he set their fractured limbs, and bound an old music-master, whose name was Crelius. He they gave him leave to do so. If he wanted to folthem up with his own hands; then commending them tried the little girl's ear and voice and was astonishto the care of an attendant, he promised to return and tried the little girl's ear and voice and was astonishto the care of an attendant, he promised to return and tried the little girl's ear and voice and was astonishto the care of an attendant, he promised to return and tried the little girl's ear and voice and was astonishto the care of an attendant, he promised to return and tried the little girl's ear and voice and was astonishWhen he came to the table he helped himself to what
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As he crossed the square, whilst passing through the town on his return home, he perceived amidst the crowd a company of strolling players acting upon a temporary stage. The theater represented an astronomical observatory, filled with all sorts of ridiculous instrulamp. Its occupant was an old man of about seventy, ments—in the midst stood an old man, whose dress and bearing were in exact imitation of those of Copernicus. The resemblance was so striking, that he directly recognized himself, and paused, stupified with astonishment. Behind the merry Andrew, whose horns and cloven foot designated him as a repsiderable dimensions. The parody was composed of director of the song school of the opera. cine; titular canon of Wernica; and honorary prohimself to Satan, burnt a copy of the Bible, and of the theatre, several persons were struck by the completed his great work "On the Revolutions of the trampled a crucifix under foot; in the second, he ex-Heavenly Bodies." In the midst of poverty, ridicule, and persecution, without any other support than
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that of his own modest genius ha save a triangle of wood, he had unveiled heaven to became a charlatan, a vender of pomatum and quack medicine—he spoke dog-Latin to the passers-by; sold and full of fun as a child. coveries which were destined to change the whole at an exorbitant price; and became intoxicated himself with excellent wine, in such copious draughts Freischutz. At the rehearsal preceding the repre- had punished him for getting angry so often, and had a quantity of provisions. This accomplished, they a madman, and likely to damage everything in his ed the last proof sheets of his book, which his disciple Rheticus was getting printed at Nuremberg; and, again dragged forth to view as one accursed of God before sending back these final proofs, he wished to and man; and the devil, dragging him down to the verify for the last time the results of his discoveries. infernal regions amidst a cloud of sulphurous smoke, Heaven seemed to have sent him a night expressly declared his intention of punishing him for having public in the role of Agatha. I saw her at the evecaused the earth to turn on its axis, by condemning him to remain with his head downwards throughout

eternity. *

When Copernicus thus beheld the treasured disand directed it successively towards the four cardinal coveries of his whole life held up to the decision of duration, and was about to reveal to the word an im- at first utterly overwhelmed, and the most fearful But alas! he saw his defamers welcomed with apbook-" Behold the work of the greatest and the benefits. The trial was too much for his failing she was singing. most perfect artizan; the work of God himself." And strength; and worn out by the emotion and fatigue morning to the town in order to relieve their distress -in a moment the current of popular feeling was morse—the crowd dispersed the actors, and crowded Wernica in a dying state. He lingered, however, still for five days-days of trial and anxiety-during Soon the first dawn of day caused the lamp of the halo around the dying man. On the day succeeding friends and her people. astronomer to burn more dimly; he leant his forehead his visit to Frauenburg, a letter from the Rheticus confirmed the sinister predictions of the Bishop of within the building, and we never quit our posts general buzz on the shore.

ular tomult might yet ruin all!" Such was the state of suspense in which the great ance, one of the most unpretending in Wernica; it Copernicus passed the closing days of his existence! was composed of a laboratory, in which he prepared Life was ebbing fast, and the torpor of death had almedicine for the poor; a little studio, in which this ready begun to steal over his faculties, when a horseman of genius, skilled in art as well as in science, man galloped up to the door in breathless haste, and painted his own likeness or those of his friends, or springing from his horse, hastened into the house of singer, stating with noble simplicity that as she traced his recollections of Rome and of Bologna; and the dying astronomer. A volume, whose leaves were once more had the happiness to be in her native land, lastly, of a small parlor on the ground-floor, which still damp, was treasured in his bosom: it was the she would be glad to sing again to her countrymen,

hands together, he exclaimed, "Lord, let thy servant man, galloping up to the door, handed him a letter. above the horizon, shed his earliest and purest ray

was to appear, has declared its intention to break the ca. Prussia, with the ingratitude of a conqueror, has

printing presses of the publisher, and to destroy the converted the observatory of Copernicus into a prison, work to which thy life has been devoted. Come and lay and is now allowing his dwelling house to crumble the storm; but come quickly, or thou will be too late."

But Poland, his native land, has collect-Before Copernicus had finished the perusal of this ed some of her last obules, to raise a monument to his

Tycho Brahe, has preserved to us a drawing of this

There was once a poor and plain little girl dwelling in a little room, in Stockholm, the capital of sary to a child, if it had not been for a peculiar gift.

during the day, and used to lock in the little girl, quickly, and when he was mad he was a dangerous ing a nest in the other angle of his small casewho had nothing to enliven her solitude but the com- boy to meddle with. pany of a cat. The little girl played with her cat John was an only child. One would think that he which the hen, as it were, kneaded together, and him to devote his leisure hours to the study of and sung. Once she sat by the open window and would on this account have been watched with great- with the addition of straws and bits of hay, formed natural history; and many months afterwards he restroked her cat, and sang, when a lady passed by. er care, and the bad habits of his early years corrected. She heard the voice, and looked up and saw the little ted, before they became so fixed and settled that they pleted, both the birds hastened to line the interior ing a visit to the chateau. Revolutionary persecution singer. She asked the child several questions, went could not be broken up. But his parents let him do with feathers, wooland dried leaves; and then taking had obliged this distinguished man to take refuge in visit them on the morrow. But a blow was about to descend upon himself, which was destined to crush him to the dust.

While the two swallows were so busily employed in the liked, and if his father or mother ventured to tell constructing their home, Cuiver had remarked that him that this was not good for him or that he had speech and a morbid temper. Crelius introduced his enough already, he would fly in a passion, and then who seemed to watch the progress of affairs with speech and a morbid temper. Creitus introduced his lending in a passion, and a morbid temper. Creitus introduced his lending in a passion, and a morbid temper. Creitus introduced his lending in a passion, and a morbid temper. Creitus introduced his lending in a passion, and after some time passed in profound study, he was much curiosity. The treacherous object of this surand after some time passed in profound study, he was well a lending in a passion, and the progress of an artist with the curiosity. The treacherous object of this surand after some time passed in profound study, he was well a lending in a passion, and the progress of an artist with the curiosity. The treacherous object of this surand after some time passed in profound study, he was well a lending in a passion, and the progress of an artist with the progress of a down on the poor little girl. 'What shall we do with haps you think this was all very pleasant for the boy, pair of sparrows took possession of the nest, and esthat ugly thing? see what feet she has! And then and wish that you could have your way in every thing. tablished themselves in it as comfortably as though

The music-master insisted, almost indignantly. Well,' exclaimed he at last, 'if you will not take her, poor as I am, I will take her myself, and have whose business it was thus to hold up the great her educated for the scene; and then such another ear man to public derision there stood a personage as she has for music is not to be found in the world!" The Count relented. The little girl was at last

resentation of Satan, and who caused the pseudo Co- admitted into the school for eleves at the opera, and penicus to act and speak, as though he had been an with some difficulty a simple gown of black bombaautomaton, by means of two strings fastened to his zine was procured for her. The care of her musical ears-which were no other than asses' ears, of con- education was left to an able master, Mr. Albert Breg,

Some years later, at a comedy given by the eleves

sentation of the evening, she sang in a manner which made the members of the orchestra at once lay down plause. It was our poor, plain little girl here again, who now had grown up and was to appear before the ning representation. She was then in the prime of youth, fresh, bright and serene as a morning in May -perfect in form-her hands and arms peculiarly graceful-and lovely in her whole appearance, through the expression of her countenance, and the noble points of the horizon. No shadow of a doubt remained, and, overpowered by the conviction that he had indeed destroyed an error of five thousand years' as the quackery of a charlatan, his noble spirit was young girl full of natural geniality and grace. She strained, lost somewhat of its freshness, and the pub-

foreign shores to foreign people. She charmed Den- knew them. mark, she charmed Germany, she charmed England.

Culm: thrice had the students of the university made toward the sea. There was a rumor of expectance truth needed repose. But his present repose, at all an attempt to invade the printing-office whence the and pleasure. Hours passed away and the crowds events, was not destined to be of long duration; it truth was about to issue forth. "Even this very still gathered, and waited and looked out eagerly tomorning," wrote his friend, "a set of madmen tried ward the sea. At length a rocket rose joyfully far out to set fire to it. I have assembled all our friends at the entrance of the harbor, and was greeted by a

'There she comes ! there she is!' A large steamed yesterday from Rheticus is ready to set out on his ing watch over the workmen—the printers perform er now came thundering on, whelming on in its trireturn, and is only waiting for your proof sheets and their work with one hand, whilst they hold a pistol umphant way through the flocks of ships and boats etters."

in the other. If we can stand our ground for two lying in the harbor, towards the shore of the 'Skeps-days, thy book is saved; for let only ten copies be boro. The flashing rockets marked its way in duly sealed, and then sank back upon his chair, as if struck off, and nothing will any longer be able to de- the dark as it advanced. The crowds on the shore stroy it But if either to-day or to-morrow our ene- pressed forward as if to meet it. Now the leviathan "But that is not all," continued the servant; mies should succeed in gaining the upper hand".... of the waters was heard thundering nearer and near-Rheticus left the sentence unfinished, but Copernicus er; now it rested, now again it pushed on, foaming supplied the want-he knew how much depended and splashing now it lay still. And, there on the upon this moment. On the third day another mes- front of the deck, was seen by the light of lamps senger made his appearance, and he, too, was the and rockets, a pale graceful young woman, her eyes have broken their legs in trying to set it going again." bearer of evil tidings: "A compositor, gained over brilliant with tears, and lips radiant with smiles, "Poor creatures!" exclaimed Copernicus. "Let by our enemies, has delivered into their hands the waving her handkerchief to her friends and country-

It was she again-our poor, plain, neglected little eyelids, the good man hastily descended the stairs of and we are now putting it into press.... But a pop- girl of former days—who came back in triumph to her fatherland. But no more poor, no more plain, no more neglected. She had become rich; she had in her slender person the power to charm and inspire

Some days later, we read in the papers of Stockholm, and address to the public written by the beloved was ever open to all who came to him for remedies, chef-d'æuere of Copernicus: this messenger was the and that the income from the operas in which she Somnambula,' (one of her favorite roles,) the public of applause a clear and melodious warbling was neutral paper: heard. The hurrahs were hushed instantly. And we saw the lovely singer standing with her arms slightly extended, somewhat bowing forward, graceful as a bird on its branch warbling; warbling as no bird ever did, from note to note-and on every one a clear, strong, soaring warble-until she fell into the Mr. Ewing had made promises of office to almost ev- two swallows, lean, and with ruffled feathers, came friend Gysius, Bishop of Culm. "May God have in his turn to say, "The king of creation gives the

"No thought can conceive how I feel at my heart." She has now accomplished the good work to which her latest songs in Sweden have been devoted, and she is again to leave her native land to sing to a far remote people. All have heard of her whose history we have now slightly shadowed out;—the expected

Fuseli, the painter, had a great dislike to common

THE QUICK-TEMPERED BOY.

The woman who had her in care went out to work as a clever boy, but one who would get mad very morning he remarked that two swallows were build- five days after the death of her beloved companion.

her face! She will never be presentable. No, we cannot take her. Away with her!"

You dislike to be told that you cannot have this, and it had been their own property. Cuvier remarked you cannot take her. Away with her!" upon it, and you sometimes think your parents are the nest; one always remained on the watch, with its very hard when they require you to do as they think sturdy bill protruded through the entrance, prepared best, and give you no reason for it. Well, John had to exclude every visitor except its mate. no such parents. They had but this one child, and At the end of the honeymoon the rightful owners so they let him do as he pleased.

> dear child, that some dreadful wicked by in the street | quickly repulsed the unlucky proprietor with a bleedhad been beating so terribly. She did not for a moment think that Johnny had been in fault. He was and shame, and his bright eye darting fire, he returof sight, sporting predigionals and shame. such a dear good boy, that he could not have made ned to his bride perched on a green bough, and seemthe first attack—but they believed his story, that he ed for some moments to hold an anxious colloquy and the Minories, in less than an hour, or be brought sons, when a great big boy came along and hit him disappeared. in the face, tripped him up, and then ran off as hard Presently the hen-aparrow returned, and her husas he could go.

truth; he was not slow in learning to tell lies. the prudent pair did not spend much time in chattersing for the first time before the public in Weber's He became a confirmed liar. Perhaps if his parents ing, but hastened out in turns to collect and store up and told how his brother principle was racing up like their instruments to clap their hands in rapturous ap- habits, or at least restrained them in a measure, so ed in the air; crowds of swallows began to assemble to meet him. Engines, buttresses, &c., were arrangthat they would not have led to such sad results in on the roof. Cuvier recognized in the midst of them ed to stop the fugitive, on his arrival, and the official

When he was old enough, he was sent to college. to each fresh arrival. Here, in the midst of young men of his own age, he Ere long, there were assembled in full conclave stress of circumstances, And then the young girl went abroad and sang on and his family were admired and loved by all who their threatening protruded heaks.

but he always broke his promise. He had learned too, without any more delay.

He wrote to his friend to come to his study at a certain hour, and he would then pay him. His friend came, and there in the study, with the door shut, he

He thought no body would find it out. He hid the dead body, and went home to his wife and children as if nothing had happened. But his friend was soon missed. He had been seen to go into that room, and had never been seen to leave it. The room was searched, and the mangled body of the murdered man was found. The murderer was arrested in the midst of his family, and shut up in jail. He was tried and convicted, and sentenced to be hung. He then confessed his horrid crime, and added these words: " A quick temper has been a besetting sin of my life. I was an only child-much indulged-and I have never acquired the control over my passions that I ought to have acquired early, and the conse-

quence is all this." He was hung on the 30th day of last month.

Mr. McKennan, the Minister of the Interior of five days existence, threw up the office, as he says on ac- low beaks became black and shining, their downy count of his "peculiar nervous temperament which bodies were covered with smooth and elegant plum- ed some time ago by the House of Representatives, was this season to appear, would be devoted to raise a fund for a school where eleves for the theatre would a fund for a school where eleves for the theatre would a fund for a school where eleves for the theatre would a fund for a school where eleves for the theatre would a fund for a school where eleves for the theatre would a fund for a school where eleves for the theatre would be devoted to raise too readily responds to causes of excitement and deaper and they began to accompany their mother in the age, and they began to accompany the accompany their mother in the age accompany to accompany the accompany ture had been cut, through which a ray of the midday sun daily penetrated, and resting upon a certain
be rekindled for a moment in the breast of the dying
the educated to virtue and knowledge. The intellilis children how to seize their prey in the air; how the election of Gen. Taylor, or had acted as corresday sun daily penetrated, and resting upon a certain point in the adjoining room, marked the hour of noon. This was the astronomical gnomon of Copernicus; with his feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with his feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with his feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with a feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with a feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with a feeble hand as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with a feeble hand as feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with a feeble hand as feeble hand. onomical gnomon of Copernicus; with his feeble hand, and glanced at its contents with opera was crowded every hight the believe string was crowded every hight the union, and justicial also of patronage, characteristic intrigue, &c. that a last of patronage, characteristic intrigue, &c. gentleman of Mr. McK's " nervous temperament" after the curtain was dropped, called her back with shrank from the scene of desolation and corruption. great enthusiasm and received her, when she appearHere is the picture of one of the master-spirits of the Crowds of swallows once more assembled on the but refused to answer certain interrogatories put to ten invalids who had come to claim his assistance; words, before his spirit fled from earth to return to

untrammelled by pledges, to which the President dren of the nest were placed in the midst of the contempt of its authority. We hope Mr. Ritchie will readily assented, and this was the understanding. troop with the other young swallows, and one morn-But, much to the new Secretary's astonishment, when ing took flight simultaneously, and directed their he assumed control of the department, he found that course toward the east. In the following spring. portant papers respecting other appointments, and had ly recognized them; they were the identical birds so interwoven the machinery of his legitimate affairs whom he had watched with so much interest during with political schemes, that it was impossible to ex- the preceding year. They began to repair their tricate them, unless with discredit to the new Admin- dwelling, and to stop the chinks produced by the istration, and almost with dishonor to himself. In winter's frost; they relined the interior with soft dried this dilemma he applied to the President, and made moss and feathers and then set out for an excursion. known the facts; but Mr. Fillmore could afford him | The morning after their return, as they were gaily guest, the poor little girl of former days, the cele- no other relief than to assure him he trusted entirely pursuing their prey close to Cuvier's window—for brated singer of now-a-days, the gentle child of Na- to Mr. McK.'s patriotic honesty, and would therefore they were now quite tame, and accustomed to his ture and Art is-JENNY LIND! By Frederika Bremer. leave the matter entirely in his own hands,

ments had been given by Mr. Ewing to his personal talons and was bearing him off, when Cuvier fired at place observations. After sitting perfectly silent for friends, in nine cases out of ten to persons odious to him with a fowling-piece, which was luckily at hand. a long time, in his own room, during the "bald dis- the Whig party. Again-and the gravest charge of The brigand fell into the garden mortally wounded; arms of his faithful servant, and it was some moments Warsaw. This statue is from the hand of the great jointed chat" of some idle callers-in, who were gabbling with one another about the weather and other ard there existed a peculiar collusion, looking to the a grain or two of shot had grazed his breast, and brotopics of an interesting nature, he suddenly exclaimexercise of official influence in controlling the sentiken one wing. The kind young man dressed the
ment of our organized and unorganized Territories, wounds with all possible care and tenderness and

CUVIER AND THE SWALLOWS.

ment. The male bird brought clay in his beak,

returned. What was their surprise to find their nest Often he came from school with a black eye or a pre-occupied! The cock flew indignantly against bloody nose, having had a fight with some of the boys his dwelling, to expel the intruders. but was met hy in the street, and then his mother was so sorry for her the formidable beak of the male sparrow, which was walking along the street, thinking about his les- with her. Then they took flight together and soon

band began, as Cuvier conjectured, to give her an graph man was the first to recover his wits. He ran These stories he was in the habit of telling to his animated account of his adventure, accompanying the into his office, and sent a voltaic message to the Lon-These stories he was in the habit of telling to his animated account of his adventure, accompanying the parents whenever he got into trouble. And they be-parents whenever took any pains to find out the well pass for derisive laughter. Be that as it may, broke loose; look out there!" Electricity was an arranged account of his adventure, accompanying the into his office, and sent a voltaic message to the Londondon terminus and the intermediate stations: "Engine broke loose; look out there!" Electricity was an arranged account of his adventure, accompanying the look of the Londonlieved him and never took any pains to find out the punished him more severely for the lies that he told both remained within, and now two stout beaks were way. "Ere the great iron horse had run a league," to hide his faults, they might have broken up these placed ready to defend the entrance. Cries resound- the railway superintendent at London was prepared the expelled householders making their wrongs known himself mounted an engine, and started on the line to

was distinguished for his ungovernable temper, and upwards of two hundred swallows. While they often was seized and held fast when he was about to were chattering in a style that fully rivalled the permake an attack upon his companions. Such a young formances of many speakers in more ambitious and at a steady, 15-miles-an-hour pace, that showed botman was in a fair way to ruin. He travelled after he celebrated meetings, a cry of distress was heard from tom and determination. As he rattled along, with the was out of college, and, accustomed to being indulg- one of the window sills. A young swallow, tired no empty cars behind, the people, at every station in his points of the norizon. No shadow of a doubt re-mained, and, overpowered by the conviction that he as impiety, and his self-denying benevolence ridiculed she was charming. We saw not an actress, but a ed in every thing that he desired, he gave himself up doubt of long parliamentary debate, had betaken himto the pursuit of pleasure, and plunged into every ex- self to the pursuit of some flies that were buzzing "stood by" with a great deal of amazement, to see seemed to move, speak and sing without effort or art. cess of vice. He returned home. His parents were about the window. Cuvier's pupils had placed a his transit, just as the turn-pike men flung open the duration, and was about to reveal to the word an imperishable truth, Copernicus knelt in the presence of doubts of himself, of mankind, and even of Providence and harmony. From this time she
now dead, and they had left little or nothing for his
sare on the sill, and the poor little bird found one
gates, and hallooed to see Capt. John Gilpin riding perishable truth, Copernicus knelt in the presence of dead, and the presence of the Swedish public, that glorious volume whose starry characters he had itself, rushed upon his mind. At first he hoped that was the declared favorite of the Swedish public, from Ware to the Wash of Edmonton. The superingent is the superingent of the start of the superingent is the superingent of the start of the superingent is the superingent of the superingent is the superingent of the start of the superingent is the superingent of the superingent is the superingent of the start of the superingent is the superingent of the superingent is the superingent of the superingent is the superingen

hands across his bosom, thanked his Creator for having opened his eyes to understand and read aright these
for fifty years, would cut short the disgraceful scene. ued so, though, after a time, her voice, being overbecame a teacher. He married, and a family was but in vain.

Every effort only served to tighten his its track. At this time, by the mercy of God and gathered around him. But the habits of youth were bonds, and so increase his pain. Suddenly the swalhis glorious works. He then returned to the table, and so increase its pain. Suite and so incr all the money he could get in the indulgence of his ing in the air, came one by one and gave a sharp any one or any thing. It was within two miles of Then she went to take lessons of Garcia, in Paris, passions. He had not been taught to restrain them peck at the snare, which after repeated pulls, snap- the terminus at London, when the driver of the purmost perfect artizan; the work of God himself." And now the first excitement having passed away, he proceeded, with a collected mind, to write the dedifirst time, did the ungrateful multitude recognise to have been equalled by no other singer, and which tion, and his manners gave him a high standing in passed within a few yards of Cuvier, and at the same ceeded in checking and bringing it safely into Lontheir benefactor; the name of Copernicus flew from could be compared only to the soaring and warbling society. Those who did not know his secret character distance as the usurped nest, the tutor remained moter, respected him as a man of learning and of taste, tionless, and the two sparrows never once stirred and, but for the prevenient efficacy of the telegraph,

Suddenly and swift as thought, flew a host of To keep up appearances, and gratify all the desires swallows against the nest; each had his bill filled She was caressed and courted everywhere, even to of his bad heart, he wanted more money. He had a with mud, which he discharged against the entrance adulation. At the courts of the kings, at the houses friend who had helped him often, to whom he was and then gave place to another, who repeated the of the great and noble, she was feasted as one of the indebted for the place he held as a teacher, and which same managed to accomplish be done in your own neighborhood, perhaps at your grandees of nature and art. She was covered with gave him money to support his family, if he had reglaurels and jewels. But friends wrote of her, 'in ulated his expenses with prudence, and refrained from the reach of the beleaguered sparrows. Indeed the faithful mechanics. They need all the work they which the lamp of genius and of faith still shed its the midst of these splendors she only thinks of her the indulgence of his sinful passions. But he want- latter were so effectually blinded by the first dised more money. His friend lent him more. It would charge of mud that they no longer thought of defend-One dusky October night, crowds of people throng- have been kind to refuse him. But he had never ing themselves. Meantime the swallows continued formed. It is the only way to make a town prospered on the shore of the Baltic at Stocholm. All looked been refused anything. He always had his own way, to heap mud on the nest, until it was completely ous, to support your schools and churches. Where toward the sea. There was a rumor of expectance and got what he wanted. By and by, this borrowed money must be paid. up but for the desperate efforts made by the sparrows ticles, that, to say the least, could be manufactured He had no means to pay it. He promised to pay, -who by several convulsive shocks contrived to as well at your door, there will always be little or no to tell lies when he was a boy, and it was easy to the impalcable swallows perched on the nest, and with thinly attended, all the kinds of labor extremely duli. tell them now that he was a man. But his friend in- their beaks and claws smoothed and pressed down Wherever mechanics are the best employed, prospersisted upon it that his debt must be paid, and that, the tough clay over the opening, and at length succeeded in closing it hermetically. Then were heard. of victory!

But the swallows did not end their work here, They hastened to bring from all directions materials for a second nest, which they constructed over the house to build or a shoe to tap, a harness to be made blocked up entrance of the first one; and in two hours or a pump to be bored, a pack of cards to be printed, after the execution of the sparrows the new nest was or a well to be dug, just look among your neighbors inhabited by the ejected swallows.

ate their crime by a lingering death, but they were suppose nothing is serviceable that is made at home. forced during their torment to listen to the joyful song We know of many an instance where men have reof the two swallows, the cause of their execution. fixed to purchase work made by their neighbors, and During many days the hen rarely quitted her nest; sent to a distant city for the articles they needed, and she had laid six eggs, and while she was hatching paid a third more for them, when behold, they had them her mate supplied her with insects for food. been manufactured and sent away to sell by the very At the end of a fortnight, Cavier remarked that the neighbors of whom they refused to purchase. cock was busy all day, in bringing an enormous quantity of insects to his household, and looking into the own neighbors. In turn you will be encouraged also. nest, he saw six little yellow bills, all gaping wide A mutual feeling of good will and kindness will apring for food. From that time it became a constant up in your midst, and prosperity will be observable source of pleasure to the tutor to watch the progres- in every street and in every dwelling. sive developement of the little family. Their yel-

regular conversations, and Cuvier amused himself committee, offered a resolution that the Speaker issue "Mr. McKennan required merely that he should be with trying to interpret their language. The chil- a writ to bring Thomas Ritchie before the House for

presence, a hawk that was soaring in the air pounced Nor was this all. The internal or bureau appoint- suddenly upon the cock. He struck him with his "I must set out directly," replied the old man, in a resigned tone; "but not for Nuremberg or for Culm; the suffering workmen at Frauenberg are ex
"Tycho Brahe, has preserved to us a drawing of this as good instrument. It is difficult for us to instrument. I

three days she only quitted her nest to seek insects, In his later years the celebrated Cuvier loved to re- which she brought to the cock. Cuvier watched his About fifty years ago, a boy was horn in one of the count the incident which first turned his attention to poor little languishing head feebly raised to take the Sweden. She was a poor little girl indeed then; she cities of New England, whose life is a lesson to all the study of natural history. While young, and in offered food, but each day his strength visibly de-An hour later, Copernicus was at Frauenberg. The machine which he had bestowed upon this town, machine which he had bestowed upon this town, was lonely and neglected, and would have been very the youth of the land, and whose story we are now unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. deprived of the kindness and care so necessions to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. The conveyed upon this town, unhappy to the conveyed upon this town, unhappy. The conveyed upon this town, unhappy to the conveyed upon the co John was a bright boy. He was sent to school ear- old chateau in the Pays du Caus, at Fiquainville. wings against the window: he ran to the nest. Alas, The little girl had a fine voice, and in her loneli- ly, and although he was not smarter than many oth- Cuvier's room looked towards the garden, and each it only contained a lifeless body! From that moness, in trouble or in sorrow, she consoled herself by ers of his age with whom he was studying, he seem- morning he was accustomed to open his window and ment the hen drooped and pined away. She never singing. In fact, she sung to all she did; at her ed to take hold with quickness that gave promise of work, at play, running or resting, she always sung. John was known among his school-mates tions of his somewhat undisciplined pupils. One ly offered her, and, literally broken hearted, expired

This little history left a strong impression on the amiable and gifted mind of the young tutor. It lead hospital, and wrote to introduce him to the notice of Jussieu Geoffroy-Saint-Hilare. Cuvier entered into correspondence with these and other scientific men; ter of history. Chambers' Journal.

A STEAM ENGINE RUN WILD. In one of the late English newspapers we were amused to read an account of the impetuous behaviour of a steam engine, on the line between Gravesend and London, dragging an empty train after it. At the former place a collision occurred, which alarmed the engine driver so much that he leaped off his iron horse; whereupon the latter took the bit in his mouth, and tore away along the line to London "carrying his tail behind him," at a very great rate. Away he went, followed by the horrified eyes of the station folks, and a murder-shout of sight, snorting prodigiously, and promising to clear the score of miles or so that lay between him up, or brought down somewhere midway, with a horrible crash and catastrophe! What to do then? To catch the engine was out of the question. The tele-Gravesend, to reconnoitre, and act according to the

In a little time the self-conducting racer came along. in the most dashing manner-not going too fast, but way, had removed every thing from the track, and that glorious volume whose starry characters he had first learned to decipher, and folding, his attenuated hands across his bosom, thanked his Creator for havthe good help of the telegraph, the headlong enginemight have ended disastrously for persons or proper-

> ENCOURAGE YOUR OWN MECHANICS. Do not send abroad for help, if you have work to do-when it can -assist the worthy, and have just as good work percovered : the opening would have been quite choked there is a disposition to send a hundred miles for arshake off some of the pellets. But a detachment of business done in the place-the churches will be ing mountebanks and peddlers retire in disgust, and from hundreds of little throats, cries of vengance and a kindly brotherly feeling is experienced, which is the source of unspeakable happiness.

> Whatever you have to be done, look around and see if your neighbors cannot do it. If you have a before you undertake to send abroad, and if you have The inexorable vengeance was now completed. Not none around you capable of the task, it will be time only were the unfortunate sparrows doomed to expi-

MUZZLING THE PRESS. A committee was appointlieve, of the Democratic Central Committee, of Thus passed the summer, and autumn came. Washington, were summoned before the committee, not attend, but throw himself upon his rights as a freeman, living in a republican Government. He ought to do so. Self respect, as well as a decent regard for the opinions of mankind impel him to this course. What extravagance and folly will not Mr. Stanly be guilty of? The Whig party is doomed to extinction, unless the people rise in their majesty and cast off certain dead weights which are bearing them down. We have certain party leaders who are well calculated to ruin any party, and who are really un-

> PRAYER. "Go, when the morning shineth, Go, when the noon is bright Go, when the eve declineth. Go in the hush of night: Go with pure mind and feeling. Fling earthly thoughts away, And in thy chamber kneeling,

fit to lead a corporal's squad against a windmill.

Asheville News, (Whig.)

Do thou in secret pray."